



**U.S. Department of Justice**  
Drug Enforcement Administration

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Case Number: 12-00447-F

Subject: REQUESTING INFORMATION PERTAINING TO DEA GUIDANCE TO BANKS  
REGARDING MEDICAL MARIJUANA DISPENSERIES

Michael Morisy  
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Dear Mr. Morisy:

This letter responds to your Freedom of Information Act/Privacy Act (FOI/PA) request dated July 29, 2012, addressed to the Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA), Freedom of Information/Privacy Act Unit (SARF), seeking access to information regarding the above subject.

After reviewing your request as constituted, we conducted a search for responsive records pertaining to the subject of your request. To search for responsive records, we searched DEA's Office of Public Affairs, Office of Financial Operations, Office of Chief Counsel, Operations Division, San Francisco Field Division, Detroit Field Division, and the Denver Field Division. As a result of our search, we are unable to locate any records responsive to your request.

For your information, Congress excluded three discrete categories of law enforcement and national security records from the requirements of the FOIA. See 5 U.S.C. § 552(c) (2006 & Supp. IV 2010). This response is limited to those records that are subject to the requirements of the FOIA. This is a standard notification that is given to all our requesters and should not be taken as an indication that excluded records do, or do not, exist.

If you wish to appeal any denial of your request, you must make your appeal in writing and it must be received by the Office of Information Policy within sixty (60) days of the date of this letter pursuant to 28 C.F.R. § 16.9. The appeal should be sent to the following address, with the envelope marked "FOIPA Appeal":

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
OFFICE OF INFORMATION POLICY  
NYAV BUILDING, 11<sup>TH</sup> FLOOR  
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20530

If you have any questions regarding this letter, you may contact FOIA Specialist J. Kewley at 202-307-7728.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Katherine Myrick". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, stylized 'K' and 'M'.

Katherine L. Myrick, Chief  
Freedom of Information/Privacy Act Unit  
FOI/Records Management Section